

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2002 without my signature.

This bill would double certain penalties on public works projects and create new liability on contractors for the acts of subcontractors.

While I strongly support efforts to ensure compliance with our prevailing wage laws, the proponents of this measure have failed to demonstrate a need for the increased penalties or evidence that simply doubling penalties and creating new liabilities is an effective way of achieving greater compliance. Strong enforcement of existing laws, as well as concerted public outreach and education of employers, will do far more to ensure compliance with our laws than simply indiscriminately doubling penalties.

For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger